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SUBJ: SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ESTABLISHES PROVISIONAL
PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

1. ON AUGUST 18 MEDIA PUBLISHED SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL
(SMC) ORDINANCE DATED AUGUST 8 LISTING OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES
OF SMC. MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF ORDINANCE GIVES SMC
PRESIDENT BRIG. GEM. MALLOUM "EXECUTIVE AND LEGALISTIC
POWERS", RIGHT APPOINT AND DISMISS MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT,
AND IN CASE OF DIVISION AMONG MEMBERS SMC, RIGHT TO DISSOLVE
SMC IN WHICH CASE GROUP OF OFFICERS OF CHADIAN ARMED FORCES
(GROFAT) ARE TO MEET WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AND ELECT NEW
SMC.

2. DOMESTIC OBJECTIVES ARE LISTED AS: NATIONAL UNITE; REDRESS
CATASTROPHIC FINANCIAL SITUATION; REALIGN NATIONAL ECONOMY;
INSURE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION; GUARANTEE
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SECULAR NATURE OF THE REPUBLIC; RESTORE DEMOCRACY; AND CONVOKE

"AT APPROPRIATE TIME" A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PREPARE A NEW CONSTITUTION.

3. INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES: GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL BROTHER AND FRIENDLY STATES; DYNAMIC FOREIGN POLICY IN ALL DIRECTIONS; RESPECT CHARTERS OAU AND UN; SUPPORT LEGITIMATE STRUGGLES OF THOSE STILL UNDER COLONIAL OR RACIST DOMINATION AND SUPPORT PALESTINIAN CAUSE; AND NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. PRESIDENT GIVEN RIGHT TO LEGISLATE BY ORDINANCE AND ISSUE DECREES OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. PRESIDENT GOVERNS RELATIONS CHAD WITH FOREIGN STATES; RATIFIES TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL ACCORDS AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH CSM; RECEIVES ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS; AND IS THE GUARANTOR OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE HAS THE RIGHT OF PARDON, AND PRESIDES OVER MEETINGS OF CSM AND GOVERNMENT WHERE HE WILL MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN LAST IN CASES OF VOTING. THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ARE "PREPOND-ERANT" IN CASE OF DISPUTES. HE MAY RESHAPE THE GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO THE VIEWS OF THE SMC; AND MAY PROPOSE TO THE SMC ANY REVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE ABOVE.

5. COMMENT: OTHER DECREES REGARDING INTERNAL SITUATION CHAD WERE ANTICIPATED BUT HAVE NOT TO DATE BEEN PUBLISHED. ABOVE ORDINANCE SPECIFIES AND CLARIFIES RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH SMC PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAS EXERCISED FOR PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, BUT REPRESENTS FIRST REFERENCE TO GROFAT WHICH EMB HAS SEEN SINCE DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APRIL 13 COUP. (NDJAMENA 896 AND 900.) GROFAT MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS AT MINIMUM SOME 27 OFFICERS WHO GAVE EARLY ALLEGIANCE TO COUP.
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